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FAILURE OF THE CLINTON/GORE '96 PRIMARY COMMITTEE TO REPORT ALL
OF PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON'S TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR APRIL 1996.

Even before President Clinton left on his trip to South Korea, Japan and Russia the White House worried the trip might be considered political. Why would the White House think the trip might be considered political? The only reason is because it was political.

While in South Korea President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam announced their plan that the United States and China sponsor talks between South Korea and North Korea aimed at establishing permanent peace on the divided Korean Peninsula.

According to AP "In Beijing, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said China was not consulted about the proposal beforehand and remains somewhat in the dark.

Why was China to be one of the sponsors? Because North Korea doesn't want to talk with South Korea it is felt China can persuade North Korea to take part. With China being vital to the plan WHY wasn't they consulted beforehand? Neither President believe China can persuade North Korea and they don't believe China will even try. The only reasonable explanation is for POLITICAL REASON for both Presidents.

The normal procedure would be for the foreign minister and our state department to start talks and lay the ground work. I think this case it is obvious that wasn't done otherwise China would have known about the plan in advance. No, it was pure and simple politics. Clinton the great world leader.

(AP) Tokyo - "President Clinton pledged Wednesday to keep 100,000 American troops in the Asia-Pacific region to preserve peace and stability. Japan strongly welcomed Clinton's pledge". "in Japan - roughly 47,000, Clinton said". President Clinton can make the pledge but it isn't binding, however, it puts the U.S. in the spot of having to live up to it. The President didn't have to go to Japan to make the pledge.

"They pledged close cooperation on defense matters, including joint production of a jet fighter, the F-2". Clinton is great at making pledges. Sense we just signed a new lease for military bases in Japan the pledge wasn't of any importance, if there wasn't going to be cooperation there wouldn't be a new lease. By the way while in Japan Clinton mentioned the new lease, making it sound like the signing just took place instead of the day before by Secretary of Defense Perry. I guess in a few years we'll be buying our F-2 from Japan.

"Japan pledged "appropriate contributions" to help defray the costs of the troops. Tokyo will contribute \$25 billion over five

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years. Under a new defense strategy approved last November, Japan also pledged to "play appropriate roles in the security environment after the Cold War." WHY bring this up it had NOTHING to do with the trip, it was worked out and approved in NOVEMBER months earlier. At the same time Clinton FAILED to mention that the U.S. pays to lease military bases in Japan or HOW MUCH. This was pure and simple politics.

"The security accord was the highlight of Clinton's three-day visit to Japan. He was welcomed by Emperor Akihito in a formal ceremony at Akasaka Palace, Japan's official state guest house." (AP) Of course this made headlines and pictures showing them together. This was very good politics for all parties.

The three days in Japan didn't really have great importance and was more political than anything else. It's true anytime leaders get together it improves relations but the timing proves it was to show Clinton as a great world leader. POLITICAL.

(AP) Russia - "President Clinton arrived in Russia with a dual mission Thursday: Give a quiet political boost to embattled Boris Yeltsin and join world leaders in confronting "the unfinished business of the Cold War."

"Beginning today, Clinton will participate in an eight-nation summit to combat nuclear smuggling, accidents and terrorism. The meeting comes 10 years to the month after the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl."

"One goal of the summit is to completely close Chernobyl power plant by 2000."

"We know that in order to really remove the nuclear cloud from the world, he added (Clinton), " we have to keep going with the START (strategic arms reduction treaty) system, we have to pass a comprehensive test ban, and we've got to deal with the safety issues."

Clinton can argue that this meeting for the summit was planned well in advance, while that may be true the fact is that the summit wasn't needed at this time. Delegates from a number of countries have been meeting in Geneva to draw up a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. All this summit did was to make it look like they were really laying the ground work for the ban and to set a time for another summit. This next summit will take place shortly before our Presidential election.

"The meeting will give Yeltsin international prestige two months before Russia's second-ever presidential election." It's true it will give Yeltsin help but it will also help the Prime Minister's of France and Great Britain who are having troubles. And of course it will make Clinton look like a great world leader. Politics.

"While eager to avoid a Communist comeback, Clinton and other Western leaders are officially neutral about the outcome of Russia's presidential race."

"However, the West has rallied to Yeltsin's side with warm praise for his economic and political reforms and, more importantly, a U.S.-backed \$10 billion loan for Russia from the International Monetary Fund."

There was a rumor shortly before the trip that Clinton and Yeltsin had made a deal to help each other with their re-election. Of

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course both of them denied it. But look at the facts. After Clinton's visit Yeltsin has become just like Clinton, promising everyone everything. Yes, it's clear that Clinton gave Yeltsin a quick course in politics while he was in Russia. And if Yeltsin wins the election it will help Clinton. Politics at it's best.

"The summit "comes at a very critical time politically," White House press secretary Mike McCurry acknowledged. Denying any attempt to influence Russia's election, McCurry said, "At the same time, the United States has a very strong interest in reform and those who support reform."

"Anthony Lake, the president's national security adviser, made the point that the United States has rewarded reforms with money. That would dry up if the reforms stopped."

The only reason for the two last statements is to help re-elect Yeltsin. IF Yeltsin is re-elected it will help Clinton's chance to be re-elected.

At the summit Clinton and the other leaders discussed ways of increasing security at places storing nuclear materials. But this is not anything new, the U.S. has installed security alarms and other measures to guard against theft. Normally the Defense Department would handle this. Purely Political.

The whole trip was to help Clinton as well as Yeltsin and the Prime Ministers of France and Great Britain.

The following report by AP, May 12, 1996, Geneva will prove that Clinton's trip to Russia wasn't necessary and to benefit the U.S. but was political to help show Clinton as a great world leader.

(AP) Geneva - "But with six weeks to the target date for completing a global test ban treaty, China and India are balking, and others say the treaty is pointless without them."

"Delegations from 93 countries arrived in Geneva today to continue talks that began in January aimed at concluding the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty."

"China is alone among the five declared nuclear powers in demanding it be allowed to carry out nuclear explosions for peaceful means, such as large-scale construction projects."

In India "the Bharatiya Janata Party, advocates building nuclear weapons."

"Though neither India, Pakistan nor Israel has admitted having nuclear weapons, are all believed to have the capability. None has signed the nuclear nonproliferation treaty, --."

Unless the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc., President Clinton and the Democratic Party can prove that this trip was normal procedure of the Clinton Administration, that Clinton always attended to these matters in there early stages and traveled a-broad in the early stages this trip should and must be considered POLITICAL. IF ANY OF THEM (COMMITTEE, CLINTON OR DEMOCRATIC PARTY) MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THAT TRIP, OR ANYTHING THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THAT TRIP INCLUDING THE TEST BAN BETWEEN JUNE 1, 1996 AND NOVEMBER 5, 1996 THE TRIP TO NORTH KOREA, JAPAN AND RUSSIA IN APRIL 1996 MUST BE CONSIDERED POLITICAL.

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It is very interesting to note that delegations have been working on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty since January and plan to complete it by July 1996. Keeping this in mind it is hard to justify having the summit in Russia for the purpose of the test ban. Also there is going to be another meeting in September to wrap up the ban. Why in September when the delegates will have the treaty finished by July. It has to be POLITICAL as it's just before election day.

While the idea of having a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty is very good the treaty will only be a piece of paper. There are or will be a number of countries that WILL NOT SIGN the treaty that either have or will have nuclear weapons. There are three or four countries that are believed to have nuclear weapons at the present times and there are a few more that will have them in a few years.

The trip to North Korea, Japan and Russia was POLITICAL.

Note: The parts in quotations are from AP news service.

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Sign and sworn to before me by Goodwin P. Back, Complainant,
this 20th day of June, 1996.

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Notary Public

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